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FOR USDEL-DIPLOMATIC CONF. ON INT'L HUMANITARIAN LAW

FOLLOWING REPEAT SENT ACTION SECSTATE 291307Z MAY 7.

QUOTE: UNCLAS NAIROBI 5375

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TAGS: SENV, UNEP
SUBJECT: UNEP GC V (MAY 9-25), ITEM 14, PROBLEM OF MATERIEL REMNANTS
OF WARS

1. DOCUMENT ON THIS ITEM (UNEP GC 103) AIR POUCHED TO TREVITHICK, IO/SCT, AND KING, OES/ENP/EN, APRIL 26. DOCUMENT STATES THAT THE STUDY IS LIMITED TO AN EXAMINATION OF THE EFFECTS OF THE MATERIEL REMNANTS OF WAR ON THE POPULATION OF AFFECTED AREAS, PROBLEMS WITH CLEARING THESE REMNANTS AND WAYS OF PREVENTING SIMILAR EFFECTS IN THE FUTURE. FORTY-FOUR GOVERNMENTS HAS BY MARCH 1 REPLIED TO EXDIR'S LETTER AND QUESTIONNAIRE AND 13 SUPPLIED INFORMATION. INFORMATION THEY SUPPLIED CONCERNED ONLY REMNANTS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

2. AMONG HIS CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, THE EXECUTIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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DIRECTOR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

A. ALL STATES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE REMNANTS OF WAR ON THE TERRITORY OF OTHER STATES SHOULD PROVIDE THE LATTER WITH ALL INFORMATION USEFUL IN THE REHABILITATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, E.G. LOCATION OF MINE FIELDS, ETC.

B. GOVERNMENTS MAY SEEK TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH UNEP FOR THE PREPARATION OF THEIR PROGRAMS FOR THE ELIMINATION OF MINES, AND A SCHEME SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR GIVING TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL AID TO COUNTRIES FOR CLEARING REMNANTS OF WAR.

C. FURTHER STUDIES SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF CERTAIN WEAPONS.

D. ADOPTION OF A GLOBAL CONVENTION TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE 1975 PROPOSALS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON HUMANITARIAN LAW AND THE PROPOSALS MADE IN THE DRAFT CONVENTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT.

E. THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF A GLOBAL NATURE, ALL FUTURE LAND MINES, BOODY TRAPS, GRENADES AND BOMBS SGHOULD BE FITTED WITH SELF-DESTRUCTIVE OR NEUTRALIZING MECHNISMS WHICH WILL AUTOMATICALLY NEUTRALIZE THEM OR OTHERWISE MAKE THEM HERMLESS AFTER A PREDETERMINED PERIOD.

3. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HOPES THAT THE GOVERNING COUNCIL WILL NOTE HIS REPORT; REQUEST HIM TO TRANSMIT HIS STUDY TO THE 32ND GA AND TO AUTHORIZE HIM TO CONTINUE TO RESPOND TO REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE ELIMINATION OF REMNANTS OF WAR.

4. AS THIS REPORT WILL TAKE GC V DISCUSSION INTO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT AND HUMANITARIAN LAW THE DELEGATION WILL REQUIRE DETAILED GUIDANCE ON HOW TO HANDLE IT.

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